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REMARKS

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1. Between 26 and 29 January 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg (N 54/T 70) quartered about 1,200 troops, predominantly recruits, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops were engaged in basic infantry drill.

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2. During the night of 29 January, ammunition boxes, about 70 x 40 x 25 cms, were unloaded from two boxcars at the Perleberg railroad station and hauled to the Spiegelhagen ammunition depot on six trucks [REDACTED]

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3. The Perleberg airfield installations were still occupied by army units. [REDACTED]

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4. Two of six flatcars standing at the Perleberg freight yard on 27 January were loaded with track-laying armored vehicles with canvas tarpaulins and four with new [REDACTED] trucks. The railroad cars were later shunted to the airfield. **

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5. Between 24 January and 3 February, the Artillerie Kaserne seemed to be occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia.

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Soldiers who wore black epaulets were occasionally seen. Ten officers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets were observed in the billeting area in mid-January. [REDACTED] on an average, meals for about 200 officers were served daily in the officers' mess. T-34 tanks seen moving toward the drill field included three on 30 January, two on 31 January, and three on 3 February. Tanks were sheltered in three garages of the installation. Training activity indicated that most of the soldiers were recruits. [REDACTED] ar decorations were only observed on instructors. [REDACTED] the unit had discharged trained personnel and received recruits while it was in summer camp.

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6. The quarters at the Ferleberg airfield were occupied by army units whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the airfield installations were occupied by a tank unit of about 6,000 troops. The tanks were allegedly parked in the airfield hangars. The officers of the units at the airfield were billeted in the restricted area on Bayerteich. Six trucks, [redacted] hauled coal from the airfield to the restricted area on 25 January. [redacted]

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7. The former Landwirtschaftsschule (agricultural school) in the restricted area on Bayerteich housed a hospital serving the units at the airfield. ***

8. The underground fuel depot on Suckower Chaussee was operated by the Soviets. **

* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the present report probably overestimated the number of troops in the Artillerie Kaserne. To date, [redacted] report-25X1 ed from 800 to 1,000 troops to be stationed there. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] the Artillerie Kaserne quarters undetermined components of the 13th Mecz Div.

** [redacted] Comment. The units at the Ferleberg airfield include the 58th Mecz Regt of the 13th Mecz Div. [redacted] Although no recent figures on the total of troops there are available for comparison, the estimate of 6,000 troops in the present report appears highly exaggerated. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The fuel depot on Suckower Chaussee undoubtedly belongs to the Ferleberg airfield which, on its northeastern edge, borders on Suckower Chaussee.

*** [redacted] Comment. The hospital in the former Landwirtschaftsschule was reported for the first time.

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